Attention Disbursing Officers and Supply Officers



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Attention: Disbursing Officer/Supply Officer

Subject: **NEGATIVE BALANCES**

With the new feature of auto-representment, Disbursing Officers are no longer required to collect on negative balances resulting from transfer requests returned for NSF until they have been represented without success for the second time. At this time the coding on the negative balance report is in the process of being corrected to show the proper number in lieu of the present symbol (*) by the end of January. Note that if an account is not negative due to NSF, the report will display "*".

While the Disbursing Officer is not required to collect on these specific negative balances, a member may wish to settle their debt in advance rather than wait for the automatic process to complete. This is at the discretion of the Disbursing Officer. To ensure the representment is stopped if a payment is accepted, the Disbursing Officer must receive the funds by the 10th and the 25th of the month, and ensure a successful round trip occurs prior to the payday. If these conditions are not met to update the shore files, the auto-representment will still occur. Also note that the entire negative balance must be cleared in order for the auto-representment to be canceled. If a partial payment is applied against the negative balance, the entire original ACH transaction will still be auto-represented. In order to avoid confusion and possible NSF charges, Disbursing Officers need to inform cardholders to verify funds on both the Navy Cash card and their home bank accounts before and after each payday.

Please keep in mind any negative balances which occurred prior to receiving the autorepresentment feature, those occurring due to invalid banking information, or transfer requests under \$5 returned for NSF or non-ACH reasons are still the Disbursing Officer's responsibility to collect.

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